

HOME GOODS ARE
CHEAPER, THEY SAY

Buy-at-Home Campaign
Opens at Commercial
Club Dinner.

A BLOW AT MAIL ORDERS

William Hirth Says Solution
of the Problem is
Advertising.

The "Buy in Columbia" movement was formally started by the Commercial Club last night, with a dinner given at the Virginia Grill. Between 150 and 200 Columbia business men were present. Although the affair was "gilt-edge" as far as the speeches made and the spirit of the participants were concerned there was slight disappointment at the small number of merchants represented in comparison to the number in Columbia.

A second attempt to bring this vital question of patronizing home industries before the public, will be made at another dinner to be given at the Virginia Grill two weeks from last night.

N. T. Gentry, president of the club, introduced the topic and called on T. C. Seruggs for the first speech. Mr. Seruggs is a woodworkman and in his speech demonstrated that the Columbia-made article or the article sold in Columbia was the best to be had. He pointed out that two or three enterprises had failed here from want of local patronage. He emphasized the better and packing industries, taking their product as examples of Columbia's manufactured commodities.

"The lard made here is just as greasy as any other lard," he said. Speaking of the planing-mill industry, he pointed out the benefit that would be derived if every merchant, in remodeling his store, patronized the local mills.

The Grocery Situation.

John N. Belcher, speaking of the grocery situation, received applause at the outset of his speech, when he remarked that a careful calculation had shown him that ninety-five per cent of the groceries consumed here were bought from the local merchants. He dealt with the problem of the mail-order houses in competition with the local stores. He said about \$2,500 goes out of Columbia every month for groceries.

This could be done away with, he said, if the local grocery merchant needed his customers to buy from him in the same manner that he does from the mail order house.

"Get the people to buy large quantities to be paid for in cash between six and ten days after delivery and you can meet any competition of this nature ever offered. The misrepresentation of quality in advertising is largely responsible for this loss of business to the local merchant. Too many persons are in the habit of ordering their supplies from a mail order house and calling on the local dealers for an emergency order of lemons or eggs."

Mr. Belcher pointed out that Columbia has the best grocery stores of any town its size in the country. The prices here cannot be beat and the quality is the best to be had anywhere, he said. "The remedy for the problem here in publicity. Show the people the facts," he concluded.

Goods Higher in Cities.

W. F. Neate, of the Strawn-Holmes Dry Goods Company, gave an interesting account of how a small merchant can, or at least does, sell cheaper than the big city stores. He told an incident in which he bought three suits of a New York house while a large firm in Chicago bought 750 of the same articles. Each paid the same price however the suits retailed in Chicago for \$23.50 while they sold here for \$18.50.

S. C. Hunt, president of the Boone County Trust Company, to whom the credit of starting the "Buy-at-Home" campaign is given, was the next speaker. He said that the idea occurred to him when he saw the immense amount of money that was sent away for articles which, he thought, might be bought here. He emphasized the idea as applied to the state as well as the town and expressed his hope to see a "Buy-in-Missouri Movement" started.

William Hirth, in his speech, endorsed the remarks of the others and turned his attention to what he

FAIR AND CONTINUED COLD

Lowest Temperature Tonight Will Be
6 Degrees Above Zero.

The forecast—Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday; the lowest tonight will be about 6 degrees.

At Columbia yesterday the highest temperature was 25, and the lowest last night was 9. On the same date last year the highest temperature was 5, and the lowest was 8 below zero.

The temperatures today:

7 a. m.	10	11 a. m.	16
8 a. m.	9	12 noon	17
9 a. m.	9	1 p. m.	18
10 a. m.	13	2 p. m.	19

thought was the solution of the problem—advertising.

"The fact that so much buying is done away from here is due to the lack both in amount and effectiveness of advertising. It is keeping the public instructed concerning the articles to be sold, that keeps the buyers in the store." He expressed his disappointment that so few of the merchants of Columbia, to all of whom this "Buy-at-Home" agitation is vital, were present.

GETS TWO PICTURES

Commercial Club Receives
Portraits of E. W. Stephens
and J. A. Hudson.

Two pictures, one of E. W. Stephens and the other of J. A. Hudson, both former presidents of the Columbia Commercial Club, were presented to that organization last night at the "Buy-in-Columbia" dinner given at the Virginia Grill.

N. T. Gentry, president of the club, made the speech presenting the picture of Mr. Stephens which was given by some of the late president's friends. He said, in part:

"It is indeed appropriate, on the occasion of moving into our new quarters, to have presented to us a picture of Hon. E. W. Stephens, one of the former presidents of the Columbia Commercial Club. This picture has been presented by some of the friends of Mr. Stephens, and it will be given a place on the walls of our room, and will serve as a reminder of the faithful and unselfish work done by our distinguished fellow-townsmen."

"Mr. Stephens has been active in his work for Columbia, both inside of this club and outside of it, and too much credit can not be given him for his unceasing loyalty to this, his native town. I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of every one of our members when I say that we accept of this picture with great pleasure, and hereby extend our thanks to the donors. We are delighted to honor one whose membership in and service for our club has been such a valuable asset of this organization."

"Many persons prefer to wait until the death of a man before publicly mentioning his good deeds; but I prefer to say a few words in recognition of the public services and worth of Mr. Stephens, while he is alive and may hear them. I know, and the people of Columbia and Boone County know, that he has spent his life trying to better the condition of his fellowmen; and too much praise can not be bestowed upon him for the work so earnestly done by him, yet done in such a modest and unassuming manner. Anything that reminds us of Mr. Stephens is welcome to this club. May we, as we look upon the picture, follow his excellent example, and prove ourselves worthy of association with such a man."

The speech presenting to the club the picture of its first president, Mr. Hudson, was made by William Hirth. He said that without any exception, the wonderful progress of the club was due to the loyalty and untiring work of Colonel Hudson in giving the organization its start.

"Seven or eight years ago the men here knew little of the proper workings of such a club," he said. "It was Colonel Hudson who gave it strength, it was he who set it on a firm working basis, it was he who trained it to do team-work. A man, liked and respected by everyone who was ever associated with him, worthy in every respect; a fighter who never knows when he is beaten—is the man whose picture I have the pleasure of presenting you tonight."

The two pictures form part of the decorations of the new Commercial Club rooms in the basement of the Virginia Building.

BUILDERS MUST KEEP
STREETS IN REPAIR

City Council to Pass Ordinance to Make Contractors Responsible.

WOULD REQUIRE A BOND

\$8,000 Sewer Contract With
J. N. Fellows Cancelled
Last Night.

Better streets in Columbia probably will result if a proposition put before the City Council at its meeting last night is passed.

The proposition is in the form of a contractor's bond. Before a contract to do paving in Columbia is let, according to the contract, it will be necessary for the contractors to give bond to maintain the street in proper condition after being paved and improved. J. Russell Ellis, city engineer, has been making investigations in regard to such a plan of maintenance of the street paving.

Mr. Ellis and W. M. Dinwiddie, city attorney, were instructed by the council to draw up an ordinance which will require a bond from contractors before contracts for paving are let in the city. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the meeting of the Columbia City Council next Tuesday night.

A contract let by the City Council to J. N. Fellows and S. P. Bewick, contractors, for the construction of sewers in Districts 32A, 32B, 32C and the joint sewer district, number 32, was cancelled. The contract was let by the council November 21. It amounted to about \$8,000 for the four districts. Sewer plans for the district were referred to Mr. Ellis. He will devise a new plan of laying out the sewer districts.

The council also received a report of the city engineer regarding the construction of sewer district number 29. The sewer was completed December 26. The total cost of the work on it amounted to \$603.63. The area of the district was about 154,648 square feet. The report was passed and approved.

A report from the committee on water and light was received. At the present time there is \$6204.02 in the treasury of this department to the credit of the water and light fund. Bills due and payable to the amount of \$2,784.02 were presented. These appropriations were made: \$16,850.98 from the water and light construction fund; \$1,969.89 from general revenue fund; \$17.25 from the Conley Poor fund.

TRASH CANS ON BROADWAY

Sixteen Metal Boxes Will Help to
Keep the Street Clean.

No more banana peelings, or torn-up love letters, or empty sacks on Broadway, was one of the Columbia New Year resolutions. This morning sixteen trash cans, four feet high, painted white, were placed along Broadway, four at each of the intersections of Broadway with Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth streets.

The cans are of galvanized iron, with a roof-like cover, and carry advertisements of Columbia stores. Some have real paintings—of watches, houses and the like. Beneath the eaves of the cover, on two sides, is an opening through which the waste paper is to be thrown.

TWO-YEAR-OLD IS OPERATED ON

Alexander Estes Recovering From
Attack of Appendicitis.

Alexander D. Estes, 2 years old, is resting well at the Parker Memorial Hospital after an operation for appendicitis. He became ill New Year's day and was taken to the hospital. Dr. F. G. Nifong, who performed the operation, said that his patient was doing nicely and doubtless would be out of the hospital in a few weeks.

"There is nothing very strange about the case," said Doctor Nifong today, "although it is unusual in a person so young. However, this is not the youngest case we have had. The daughter of Dean W. W. Charters, whom I operated on last July, was only 18 months old."

No Assembly Tomorrow.

The regular University assembly will not be held tomorrow. The program for next Tuesday has not been arranged.

ALL DOGS MUST BE
MUZZLED OR CAGED

Prevalence of Rabies Causes
Mayor to Issue a
Proclamation.

ELEVEN SUSPECTS SHOT

Policeman Wont Stop With
"Kicking Dogs Around"
After Friday.

The "mad-dog" actions of a number of Columbia dogs caused Mayor W. S. St. Clair to issue today a proclamation that the owners of dogs must keep them well secured or muzzled hereafter.

The matter was brought before the City Council last night and the councilman decided that it was advisable for the Mayor to issue the proclamation as a caution against hydrophobia.

Eleven dogs had been killed up to yesterday because of suspicions that they had the rabies. Dr. O. W. H. Mitchell thoroughly examined the dog that bit Carl Williams last October and found that the dog had hydrophobia.

"It is known that that dog had bitten one other dog," said Doctor Mitchell this afternoon, "so it is certain that there have been two cases here. There is no doubt in my mind that most of these other dogs which have been killed were also suffering from the disease."

"The Mayor has taken the proper step in the matter. No dog should be allowed to run about without a muzzle. All those dogs which are neither secured at home nor muzzled should be shot."

"However it is not necessary to shoot every dog which acts as if it has rabies; they should be caged and if they really have the rabies they will die."

"Of course if one of these dogs should bite anyone it should be killed immediately and examined. This would allow an opportunity for treatment."

Mayor St. Clair's proclamation follows: "Owing to the prevalence of hydrophobia in the city, and in pursuance of Section 56 of the Revised Ordinances of the city of Columbia, Mo., of 1900, I hereby require and order that the owners and keepers of dogs, keep the same well secured on their premises, and any dog found at large in any street, public place or unenclosed lot in the city at the expiration of two days from the date of this proclamation shall be killed immediately by the marshal, or his deputies or assistants, unless securely muzzled. It shall be the duty of the marshal and his deputies and assistants to enforce this section, such measures being deemed necessary for the public safety. Dated January 3, 1912. W. S. St. Clair, Mayor."

MANY FARMERS ARE COMING

Commercial Club to Help Entertain
Guests for a Week.

About 2,000 farmers are expected here Farmers' Week, beginning January 8, said Prof. P. F. Trowbridge at the dinner given by the Commercial Club at the Virginia Grill last night. "The coming of these men will mean a temporary increase of business for Columbia merchants," said Professor Trowbridge, "and every citizen should do what he can toward making them comfortable."

"Everyone knows that the prosperity of the land depends on that of the farmers and the prosperity of the farmers depends on their knowledge of farming. They are coming here for a week of hard work and should be shown around and helped by everyone."

HE REMEMBERED THE NURSES

Former Hospital Patient Sent Christmas Gifts.

Frank Feffer, a student who was run over by the wagonette which carried the Tigers to the depot on the night they left for Lincoln to play Nebraska, presented each of the nurses at Parker Memorial Hospital with a pair of scissors, and each of the men at the hospital with a knife, as a Christmas remembrance. Mr. Feffer's father is a hardware merchant in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Feffer is planning to return to school the second semester.

BASKETBALL SEASON NOW

Squad in Good Condition After Holidays, Mr. Brewer Says.

"Every man on the squad is in good condition, but it will take two or three days to work the stiffness out of them," said Professor C. L. Brewer today in speaking of the basketball team. The freshly marked court at Rothwell Gymnasium is dry, and a thorough work-out was had today.

The first game will be played with Washburn College next Wednesday night. W. L. Driver, an ex-Tiger, is coaching Washburn, and he is ambitious to defeat his alma mater.

Bleacher seats will be placed on both sides of the basketball court for general admission. Two hundred reserved seats will be placed on the running track up stairs. Holders of activity tickets will be charged ten cents at the minor games and fifteen cents at the big games for reserved seats. Professor Brewer says seats will be provided for 1,500.

ENROLLMENT IS 131

Class Work in the Short
Course Will Begin
Tomorrow.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon 131 men had signed up for classes in the second term of the short course in agriculture. The enrollment will continue tomorrow and is expected to increase considerably. The total enrollment for the first term this year was 184.

Class work will begin tomorrow morning although many students will not have finished enrolling. Many of them attended the first term which closed before the holidays, and are returning to continue their work, but some are entering the University for the first time.

Enrollment in the Girl's Short Course in Agriculture will begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the Home Economics Building. Miss Louise Stanley, instructor in home economics, will have charge of the registration.

Several young women came to town this morning preparatory to starting the work tomorrow. Although this course has never been offered before, considerable interest has already been shown.

MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR COMING

Opening Address of Journalism

Week by Chase S. Osborn.

The opening address of Journalism Week, May 6, at the University of Missouri will be by Chase S. Osborn, governor of Michigan, on "The Profession of Journalism."

Mr. Osborn, after attending Purdue University, began newspaper work on the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal. Later he engaged in reportorial and editorial work in Chicago, and in 1889, at the age of twenty, he did similar work in Milwaukee. He was publisher in succession of the Florence (Wis.) Mining News, the Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) News and the Saginaw (Mich.) Courier-Herald of which he is now publisher.

Mr. Osborn was postmaster of Sault Ste. Marie from 1889 until 1893, state game and fish warden of Michigan from 1895 until 1899, and commissioner of railroads for Michigan, 1899-1903. He is vice-president of the First National Bank of Sault Ste. Marie, and a member of the American Ornithologists' Union. He is the author of "The Andean Land" in two volumes, published in 1909.

LEGGETT-SUMMERS WEDDING

Marriage of Former University
Couple in Sturgeon Tomorrow.

The marriage of Miss Mary Anderson Summers and Raymond F. Leggett will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Sturgeon tomorrow. Miss Summers is a former student at Christian College and the University of Missouri. Mr. Leggett was graduated last year from the School of Journalism of the University. He is now employed on the Kansas City Times.

Lloyd Jones Able to Come Home.

Lloyd Jones, who was operated on for appendicitis in Kansas City, is home. Mr. Jones will remain here until he has entirely recovered.

Boone County Court Meets.

The county court of Boone county is holding its regular monthly session. Salaries for county employees were allowed.

FENTON OFTEN CRIED
AND WAS DESPONDENT

Testimony This Morning to
Show That Prisoner is
Insane.

HE THREATENED SUICIDE

Actions Before the Killing of
His Wife Brought Out in
Circuit Court.

Expert testimony was introduced in the case of the state against George Fenton this afternoon by the defendant's counsel, Dr. Charles McRae Hughes, Dr. J. W. Whitney and Dr. J. H. Simon, all of St. Louis, each testified that they thought Fenton was insane at the time of the murder of his wife.

In the cross examination of Doctor Simon, who said that Fenton's insanity was caused by despondency and grief, it was brought out that his opinion was based on the history of the case given him by the defendant's counsel and witnesses brought before him by the defendant's attorneys.

Fenton was examined by the alienists in December.

The testimony this morning in the trial of George Fenton, accused of the murder of his wife, was introduced by the defense with a view of showing that Fenton was insane. The prosecution attempted to show through the same witnesses that Fenton had worked regularly until a short time before the killing, and that he had been in his right mind.

From the testimony of five persons this morning, most of the evidence was to the effect that Fenton had been despondent, and, as they believed, out of his mind. Mrs. James M. Sherman, who lives across the street from the Fenton house, said that she had occasion to see Mr. Fenton often as he was intimate with Mr. Sherman. She said that he was despondent and that she frequently saw him crying. She said that Mr. Fenton wanted her husband to take a trip with him so that he might forget the trouble caused by his wife's leaving him, but that she, Mrs. Sherman, would not permit this as she thought Mr. Fenton crazy.

His Actions Were Strange.

Nexton Akeman said he thought Mr. Fenton's actions strange while tending a gate at the Columbia Fair during the summer. M. D. Brown, from near Brown's Station, said that Mr. Fenton told him that he could not eat, sleep, or do anything. Mr. Brown said that he never had seen a man "so near torn to pieces."

He considered him not in his right condition. All of five witnesses, including Newt said: "George was melancholy. M. Sherman, R. P. Tandy, and Emmett Crosswhite, when asked if they knew anything of Mr. Fenton's physical or mental condition on September 18, the day of the murder, were forced to answer that they did not know his condition at that time."

John Fenton, brother of the defendant, like the other witnesses, testified that he had concluded that his brother was insane on account of his queer manner and speech. He testified that his brother said he wished to go away but did not tell why he wished to go.

"His trunk was packed and arrangements were made for keeping his children. However he never left his home."

This, John Fenton attributed to insanity. Speaking further of the defendant's mental condition he said: "George was melancholy and despondent and nobody was able to find out what the trouble between him and his wife. Without saying so, he often intimated that he intended to commit suicide."

Witnesses Say Fenton Insane.

Isaker Nowell of Columbia, a witness for the defense, testified yesterday afternoon that Fenton had often remarked to him that he loved his wife and couldn't give her up. He said that Fenton's talk at different times convinced him that Fenton was insane.

James Schwabe testified that he had known the defendant all his life. He said that since Fenton and his wife had separated his manner and speech convinced him that Fenton was not normal. "Fenton often came to my office, telling me he was